

# 104th Cambria County Auction Is The Place To Be

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— The 104th Annual Cambria

County Fair opened Sunday, Sept. 3 and ran through Sept. 9. As usual, the fair offered "something for everyone," appealing to all age

groups. With opening day temperatures in the 70's and the rest of the week about the same, the fair was the place to be. Usually, in Cambria County, "Fair Week" is a wet one. With this year's drought, hopes were high that with the fair would come the rain. This was not the case and the dry weather continued.

The Grandstand was the center of the week's live entertainment—quite a bit of country music most nights and an auto "thrill" show on Thursday. Rides operated on the midway, local food vendors were in abundance, and many business displays were set up in the exhibit buildings. The Ag buildings were full of baked goods, home canned goods, fresh vegetables, flowers and horticulture displays, photography and art displays, and many other handicrafts. All participants were hoping for that "blue ribbon."

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Brandy Cihan, a 13-year-old member of a Patton area 4-H sewing group, is hoping for a blue ribbon with her entries of a sundress and a pillow.



Doti Mrkich helps her mother Dottie to decorate the stall for their horse Naughtia and pony Twinkle.

## Sea Feather

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be neat if you named him something with 'Feather' in it," she said. "You don't have to," she quickly added. "He is your foal!"

"Yeah!" Ashley said with a grin. "We can call him Ocean Feather, or Sea Feather!"

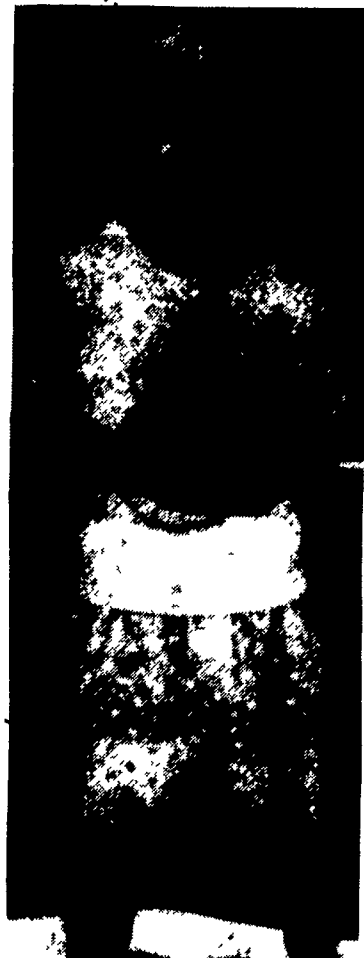
We walked to the pen to see our new baby colt. Then he turned around. "Look," Mr. Ed said incredulously. "He has a feather on his neck!"

Sure enough, our little Sea Feather was not a solid bay as we had thought. For on his neck was the single white mark that made him a pinto, and it was in the shape of a jagged feather!

Later, Dad said that he didn't get to teach us a lesson about saving. But Mom said that we had learned

a valuable lesson. For years we have been volunteering for 4-H and the Therapeutic Riding Program, and events that a local steam club holds, and other worthwhile charities. Mom has always aid, you get out of life what you put into it. "Things come back to you when you give of yourself," she always says. Well, this time it really did!

Sea Feather is a sweet, loving colt who has quickly made friends with our two other ponies, Rockerfritz and Crista. He is our little miracle foal. Without Ms. Carrollyn and Mr. Ed our dream would not have come true. They wouldn't let us use their last name because they don't want to be praised, but Ashley and me want to say thank you from the bottom of our heart. We love Sea Feather ... and we think he loves us, too!



Amber Kalwasinski, 10-year-old Portage area resident, enters her pot of marigolds at the horticulture building.

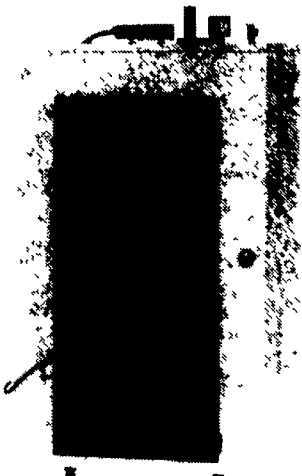
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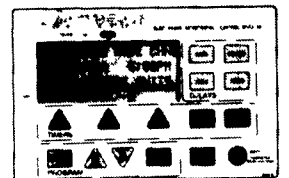
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